

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1645

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to commend Jailen Edwards for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jailen Edwards is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Yarbro; Ms. Edwards's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Fisk University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Jailen Edwards has achieved academic success while pursuing a degree in international business and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, during her collegiate career, Ms. Edwards has served as a student senator for the Social Cluster of Fisk University, chapter president of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Fisk University Miss Sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Jailen Edwards's professional experience includes an internship at the Nashville Mayor's Office, where she assisted the deputy mayor with day-to-day activities specifically related to community relations, and as a peer mentor with Opportunity NOW; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Edwards is a recipient of the Fisk University Ella Sheperd Moore Scholarship and has been named as a Fredrick Douglass Global Fellow, a Hank Aaron 4for4 Scholar, and an HBCU White House Initiative Competitiveness Scholar; she is also a member of the Du Bois General University Honors Program and Fisk University Ladies of R.A.G.E.; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Jailen Edwards brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2022 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Edwards's tenure with the General Assembly is distinguished by her advocacy of a bill recognizing November 8 of each year as "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Day"; not only did she come up with the idea on her own, she also found a Senate and House sponsor; lobbied for the bill; and testified before the Senate Education Committee on behalf of Senate Bill 2749/House Bill 2720, which has been enacted as Public Chapter 750 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2022 legislative session, Jailen Edwards has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Edwards has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jailen Edwards for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Yarbrow and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.